

JDCSA Compact Register

“Murray River Rendezvous”

September Friday 6—Monday 9, 2024

Welcome:

As Secretary of the JDCSA Compact Register, it stuck me that we have rarely seen a significant gathering of Jaguar compact cars, at least in the last couple of decades. For the 50th Anniversary of the S Type we did join with JCCV to put on a display of 35 S Types for the JCCV Display Day in 2013. Eight cars from SA did attend that gathering.

The aim for “**The Murray River Rendezvous**” is to arrange a rather casual and flexible weekend in Mildura as a reasonably central spot, with the intension of inviting Compact Registers from NSW, VIC and ACT, to join us.

Although the initial aim of this weekend is to get as many Compact cars out as possible, we will welcome members who choose to participate in another Jaguar model.

This will be essentially a PAYG event (Pay As You Go) However **registration is essential** to ensure our main meals together can be catered for and in general numbers be known for planning purposes. **A registration fee of \$10 per registration** will cover some inevitable set up, venue hire and other administration costs.



For more information

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Accommodation

Mildura Golf Club Resort, 287 Twelfth St, Mildura, (03) 5023 1147.

25 rooms have been booked. You are required to make your own reservations by phoning the Golf Resort direct. Mention the **Jaguar Drivers Club Group Booking** to get your group discount.

NOTE: These reserved rooms will be held by The Golf Resort until 6th July 2024. After that date there may be rooms available but the Group Discount may not apply.

The event will be limited to approximately 50 people . . . So it will be first in best dressed!

The accommodation is very comfortable, with under cover parking for each room. The general amenities of the Golf Club Resort provide for the opportunity for a relaxed time together, with a private function room for our two main meals together.

(All rooms will have the same Tariff of \$135.00 per night for 2 people. Deposit due at time of booking)



Registration

Please read the Program as set out on **Page 3** before proceeding to registration to determine your participation.

Registrations **NOW OPEN** and will **CLOSE** 6th July 2024

NOTE:

When you register you must also **purchase a Free ticket for all meals in which each person wishes to participate,** so we have numbers for catering. There is no need to actually print your ticket.

If you do not have a current account with this site you will be required to open an account by following the on screen instructions

Follow this link to register and pay your registration fee.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](https://jdcsa.tidyhq.com/public/schedule/events/61424-compact-register-murray-river-rendezvous-september-2024)

Or use the following URL

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So What's On ?

Friday 6 September

- 5.00pm. Happy Hour—Meet and Greet at the Club Bar and the adjacent outdoor garden area.
- 6.00pm. Welcome Meal in the Golf Resort “Balcony Room” (PAYG)
We have exclusive use of this area.
(Numbers required for catering at Registration)

Saturday 7 September

- 8.30am. **NOTE:** (No Breakfast at the Golf Club)
Be ready to leave the car park for today's outing.
- ♦ First stop is **The Sunraysia Farmer's Market, Jaycee Park, Hugh King Dr, Mildura.** **(Opportunity for breakfast and lots more.)**
- 10.00am.
- ♦ We head off to take a look at the amazing **BIG LIZZY, 34 Jacaranda St Red Cliffs.**
Nearby, time for coffee and cake at **The Shed Café**, if you wish.
- 11.30am.
- ♦ Time to head back to Mildura where we will put our cars on display at **The Gateway Mildura, 795-807 Fifteenth St, Mildura.**
(Entry to the grassed area is through the car park off San Mateo Ave)
- 1.00pm.
- ♦ Lunch at **The Gateway Mildura** (PAYG)
(Numbers required for catering at Registration)
- * . . Some free time to do whatever blows your hair back . . ***
- 6.00pm.
- ♦ The local **Mildura Vintage Car Club** will host an informal BBQ (PAYG)
(Numbers required for catering at Registration)

Sunday 8 September

- 8.00—9.00am. Option for Breakfast—In the Golf Resort Bistro —(PAYG)
(Numbers required for catering at Registration)
- 9.00am. Leaving the Car Park in preparation for today's adventures.
- ♦ We pay a visit to **Woodies Gem Shop.** (Bring the Credit Card)
516 Cureton Ave Nicol's Point
- 10.30am.
- Mystery Tour . . . TBA
- 12.30pm.
- ♦ Enjoy a light lunch at **Trentham Estate Winery,** (PAYG)
6531 Sturt Hwy, Trentham Cliffs NSW
(Numbers required at Registration)
- 6.00pm.
- ♦ Evening meal together in the Golf Resort “Balcony Room” (PAYG)
(Numbers required at Registration)

Monday 9 September

- 8.00—9.00am. Optional Breakfast in the Golf Resort Bistro — (PAYG)
(Numbers required at Registration)



DRIVE CAREFULLY—STAY SAFE

BIG LIZZIE

Big Lizzie is now 100 years old and we remember the important part she played in the clearing of the land for the establishment of Red Cliffs.

In early 1915 Frank Bottrill commenced construction of Big Lizzie to replace the camel trains which carried wool and other heavy loads in the sandy terrain. Fabrication and assembly of the huge prime mover and two trailers was carried out by Bottrill over a period of 12 months, with casting and machining done by A.H. McDonald Co. of Richmond. Financing was provided by Ralph Falkiner.



Early in 1916 Big Lizzie left Richmond expecting to be in Broken Hill by early 1917. The route chosen was via Kilmore, Heathcote, Elmore and Echuca, where it was proposed to cross the Murray River. Navigating through the city on hard surface roads was the first problem they faced. All damaged roads & infrastructure were to be repaired. Later the prime mover broke through a bridge near Kilmore causing a dent in the drinking water tank which is still evident to this day. When Lizzie reached the flooded Campaspe River a suitable crossing site was needed. It took 3 weeks of de-snagging and earthworks below the weir near Elmore before Big Lizzie could cross the river.

Bottrill was unable to cross the Murray at Echuca because of floods, and the lack of permission to cross the approach bridge to the town, so he headed for Swan Hill. He arrived at Kerang in January 1917 and spent 5 months there carrying out modifications and repairs, and it was August that year before he reached Ouyen. In October 1917 Big Lizzie arrived in Mildura to find the Murray River in flood, so without a bridge to cross the river, completing his journey was out of the question for several months at least. Bottrill sought work in the area, as his funds would have been exhausted.

In 1921 Big Lizzie commenced clearing scrub for the proposed 6,000 ha irrigation area of Red Cliffs. This was to provide 700 Soldier Settlement blocks for veterans of World War 1. A gang of up to 16 men was employed to handle the four heavy cables which were attached with loops and hooks to as large a number of trees or stumps as possible. Repairs to damaged cables etc was carried out on the front platform of Big Lizzie, which was equipped with blacksmith's forge, anvil and toolbox.

Clearing work at Red Cliffs was completed in 1924 and Big Lizzie was driven to Western Victoria to find more work clearing land. But this venture was not a success and Frank Bottrill and his wife abandoned Big Lizzie on Glendenning Station. In 1938 the Blackstone engine was sold and moved to Pyramid Hill where it was used to drive stone crushing equipment until 1942. It was finally broken up for scrap in 1945.

In 1971 (the year of Red Cliffs Golden Jubilee) a committee was formed to negotiate the purchase and return of Big Lizzie to Red Cliffs. Big Lizzie and one trailer now hold pride of place in Barclay Square Red Cliffs. The second trailer has been returned to the district and is undergoing restoration. The shelter over Big Lizzie was erected in 1988 by Mildura Shire Council as a Bicentennial project.

Trentham Estate

Trentham's winery has been operating since 1988, where it has grown from the initial 30 tonne crush to a minimal but state-of-the-art facility handling up to 5,000 tonnes of premium fruit each vintage. It allows the flexibility to perform different winemaking styles, resulting in the diverse and always consistent Trentham Estate wines.

Today, Anthony is assisted with the making of Trentham's wines by Winemakers Shane Kerr and Kerry Morrison, along with a dedicated team of cellar and laboratory staff.

The winemaking philosophy at Trentham Estate has always been to produce high-quality varietal wines at an affordable price, with an emphasis on full fruit flavour and palatability. Over the years Trentham Estate has produced a good balance of classic wine styles mixed with a number of alternative varieties. Anthony and Patrick have a passion for producing wines true to their natural varietal character, as well as experimenting with grape varieties that are lesser-known yet likely to thrive in the Mediterranean climate Mildura and the Murray Darling wine region are known for.

The wines are available throughout Australia and of course in the Estate's own Cellar Door and Restaurant – all for you to enjoy!

